

The Merck Company Foundation Celebrates 50 Years of Giving

2007 marks the 50th anniversary of The Merck Company Foundation, a U.S.-based, private charitable foundation established by the global research-driven pharmaceutical company Merck & Co., Inc.* Since its inception, the Foundation has contributed more than \$480 million to support important initiatives that address societal needs and are consistent with Merck's overall mission to enhance the health and well-being of people around the world. Here are a sample of key programs supported by the Foundation that are making an impact today.

Merck Institute for Science Education (MISE)

Created in 1993, MISE is an award-winning program to improve science education and raise the levels of science performance for students from kindergarten through 12th grade. MISE programs focus on deepening teachers' knowledge of science content and developing their teaching skills through workshops and other programs that promote inquiry-centered learning.

Ethics Centers

In 1995, The Merck Company Foundation entered into collaboration with the Washington-based Ethics Resource Center to establish a series of independent ethics centers in various regions around the world. The centers facilitate dialogue and action related to ethical business and organizational issues of importance in the countries where the centers are located: Colombia, South Africa, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.

Program on Pharmaceutical Policy Issues

Established in 1999, the Program on Pharmaceutical Policy Issues (PPPI) is designed to help academic institutions around the world conduct independent research in pharmaceutical and health policy issues. The goal is to enhance pharmaceutical policy research and build a strong foundation for more informed public policy on health care issues.



The Merck Institute for Science Education works to improve science education in K-12th grade.



* Merck & Co., Inc. (Whitehouse Station, NJ, USA) operates as Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD) in most countries outside the United States.



With support from The Merck Company Foundation, ACHAP has established HIV/AIDS support and counseling services targeting vulnerable groups in Botswana.

The African Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Partnerships (ACHAP)

Established in 2000, ACHAP is a partnership among the Government of Botswana, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Merck and The Merck Company Foundation to support and enhance Botswana's national response to HIV/AIDS through a comprehensive approach to prevention, care, treatment and support. The partnership has shown that treatment programs in Africa can and will produce sustainable results and save lives.

The Merck Vaccine Network – Africa

Launched in 2003, the Merck Vaccine Network - Africa (MVN-A) is a multi-year initiative to help increase the capacity of immunization programs to deliver vaccines effectively in Kenya and Mali through training of national and regional health care workers in vaccine management and immunization services.

China-MSD HIV/AIDS Partnership

A public-private partnership with China's Ministry of Health to provide HIV/AIDS prevention, patient care, treatment and support. Announced in 2005, the project will focus on a range of interventions including: education, counseling, testing, harm reduction

and health services, including treatment and care for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Champions for the Environment Program

For more than a decade, Merck employees around the world have volunteered thousands of hours to work on environmental projects with local groups through our Champions for the Environment program. Through this program, we provide grants to support environmentally focused projects initiated by employees at our facilities in communities worldwide. This model initiative has helped educate employees and community residents through projects such as "outdoor classrooms," clean-up and beautification of public spaces, tree and flower plantings and watershed data collection.

Nursing Libraries for Refugee Health

Launched in 2006, the Nursing Libraries for Refugee Health is a collaboration of the International Council of Nurses (ICN), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Merck to provide current health care information and training to nurses and health workers serving refugee populations in Africa.